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# I WILL DO IT

**“SAY MY NAME ” SERIES**

**SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

God wants to use you in places and spaces where people may never know your name. There is a different perspective and anointing that goes with being the power behind the scene. God assigns the plan for your life and when your name comes up you must be ready and put your "yes" out front. When you align with God's plan for your life, you become unstoppable.

Ananias was a disciple God used in Damascus where Saul's life would change forever. Saul, who breathed out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples, had a divine intervention. (Acts 9:1-4) He is blinded by a light that flashed from heaven and the Lord called Ananias to restore Saul's sight. Ananias was trusted with an assignment to fulfill the plan of the Lord and is an example of God using significant people in insignificant places.

*"There are different kinds of POWER. There is a power from being in the spotlight and power from being behind the scenes"*

*- Barack Obama (about Clarence Avant)*

## THIS WILL BE A RECORD BREAKING YEAR.

Hebrews 12:1b-2a NIV - [1b] *And let us run with endurance the race **God has set before us.***  
[2] *We do this by **keeping our eyes on Jesus,** the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.*

- Real success is your obedience to God. Don't quit, don't give up.
- God has set this race before you based on the stuff He put in you.

## EVERY SEAT IS SIGNIFICANT. YOU ARE NEEDED AND NECESSARY.

Acts 9:8-9 NIV - [8] *Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. [9] For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.*

- God will break you down to get you to a certain location to put you where you are supposed to be.
- Purpose has partnership.
- God will call someone to come deal with you in the state you are in.
- God will use you to help someone into their future.

*Recall a time that you were in a season of darkness. How did you get there? How did you get out? What lesson did you learn?*

## YOU ARE NOT HERE JUST TO FILL SPACE. YOU HAVE PURPOSE.

### PAUL IS PRESENTLY...

- For three days, he was blind.
- For three days, he neither ate nor drank.
- For three days, he was left to consider what kind of life he had led, and what kind of life he would lead from that point forward.

### UNTIL SOMEONE COMES...

- He will remain blind
- He will remain hungry
- He will remain thirsty
- He will remain stuck
- UNTIL GOD BRINGS UP THE NAME OF A PERSON THAT WILL GO!

*Can God trust you when He brings your name up? What evidence is there to support your answer?*

**WHAT YOU DO IN SECRET, GOD IS ABOUT TO REWARD OPENLY.**

### THE NAME

*Acts 9:10 NIV - In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.*

- Ananias was open for God to get the glory. Sometimes we are only meant to be in someone's life for one chapter.
- God will bring the need to you because He can trust you.

*What has God called you to execute? Have you executed it? If not, why?*

**CAN GOD TRUST YOU WHEN HE BRINGS YOUR NAME UP?**

### THE ASSIGNMENT

*Acts 9:11-12 NIV - [11] The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. [12] In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."*

- You're the answer to the prayer and have everything that is needed to be in the room.
- Your refusal will block God from using others in their assignment.

*Who has God shown you to partner with? Have you partnered with them?*

**EVERYTHING IS ON HOLD WAITING ON YOU.**

## THE HURDLES

### 1) GET OVER THE PAST

Acts 9:13-14 NIV - [13] "Lord," Ananias answered, "**I have heard** many reports about this man and **all the harm he has done** to your holy people in Jerusalem. [14] And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

- You are called to a situation that has a bad past.
- The past is what they have done, the present is what they will do, but the future can't happen until you answer your calling. You can't be the blockage.
- You have to get over what you heard.

*What past experiences are you holding on to? How has it impacted you in fulfilling your assignment?*

### 2) GET OVER THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS

Acts 9:15-16 NIV - [15] But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my **chosen instrument** to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. [16] I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

- Free your mind of others and free yourself from you.
- Get over your opinions and thoughts about others.

*How long will you let your thoughts and opinions keep you captive from what God has for you?*

Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV - [8] "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. [9] "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

- Your "yes" involves getting rid of your thoughts and opinions in order to adapt to God's plan.

*Describe a time you realized your thoughts or ways were completely different from God's.*

### 3) GET OVER YOU

Acts 9:17-19 NIV - [17] Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. **Placing his hands on Saul**, he said, "**Brother Saul**, the Lord---Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here---**has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.**" [18] **Immediately**, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and **was baptized**, [19] and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

- You are about to be delivered from you.
- Your conversations will make people see things they didn't see before.

**IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, PURPOSE IS INTERDEPENDENT.  
NEXT IS WAITING ON YOU.**

## ANANIAS HAS TO PERSONALLY DO THE FOLLOWING:

- SPEAK
- TOUCH
- LEAD

*Who has God called you to speak to, touch, or lead? Have you done it? If not, why?*

*1 Corinthians 3:6-7 NIV - [6] **I planted** the seed, **Apollos watered** it, but **God has been making it grow**. [7] So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.*

- You serve and let God do the rest.

*How do you view your servitude? Who takes the credit for the growth and development you see as your serve?*

## A DIFFERENT CALLING

We are not all called to be Paul. We are not all going to be the one out front, the one leading the crowd, or the one who is recognized for their impact. But, all of us are called to be Ananias.

## QUESTION

*Can God trust you to step into a broken situation?*

## DECLARATION

*Here I am, Lord, and use me. I am available to You.*

## PRAYER

*Father God, You have called me out of my past, my thoughts, and my opinions. You have given me an assignment in the Earth to fulfill. Thank You for trusting me to handle the assignment with care. Thank You for trusting me to step into spaces and to turn things around. I am the answer to someone's prayer and I vow to complete the assignment. I surrender my will to Your purpose for Your glory, In Jesus' name, Amen!*